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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG
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SUBJECT: Immunizations Program Management Enhancements

Air Force Audit Agency and Air Force Inspection Agency reports have identified opportunities to improve immunizations program management regarding compliance with the Centers for disease Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines. To rectify these deficiencies I am initiating the following policy and taskings.

Effective 1 July 1999, the USAF performance standard for enlisted medical personnel and appropriately trained and certified enlisted equivalent civilian nursing personnel performing primary immunization tasks (Immunization Augmentee) is: (1) Completion of one of the DoD in-residence courses for immunizations or completion of the USAF-approved distance learning modules, (2) Current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification and ability to perform immunization duties within the scope of their CFETP, and, (3) Completion and documentation of local clinic orientation. Must work one day per quarter in the Immunization Clinic with the 4N0X1A to ensure competency. (4) Other medical personnel may assist in mass military immunization settings after local training and certification of competence for that vaccine. Mass Immunization Augmentees must be at least BLS trained; NREMT is desired. Completion of local facility training utilizing 4N0X1A Qualification Training Package to certify competency is mandatory.

HQ AFMC/SG through HSD/CC is requested to provide in-residence training for USAF enlisted medical personnel to meet this immunization performance standard. Sixty in-residence training quotas will be offered by USAFSAM in FY98. To ensure greatest positive impact on the AFMS, smaller MTFs (those 2 immunization technicians currently auth/asgd) will be given priority. These MTFs will be identified when quotas are released by USAFSAM to MAJCOM/SGs. MTFs will use the quotas they receive to send a qualified student (4F0, 4N0, etc. current NREMT, SrA-SSgt).

HQ AETC/SG or delegated subordinate agency is requested in coordination with the 4EOXX/Public Health Career Field Manager to provide a cost estimate and a draft training plan for an immunization management distance learning (DL) Course, NLT 31 Dec 98. This course

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will provide the skills and knowledge required to document vaccination of military members and meet or exceed national immunization standards as outlined by CDC and ACIP guidance.

I ask HQ AETC/SG to request through the 82 TW/CC the development of additional DL products encompassing additional knowledge for the vaccination of other population groups as directed by the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

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